

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Divine Mercy Conference
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Edmonton, Alberta
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November 11, 2018

Dear Parishioner

Re: Annual Funding Appeal
“This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him” (Ps 34:6)

These were the words spoken by His Holiness, Pope Francis, when he declared November 18, 2018 as the Second World Day of the Poor. The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, a Registered Charity supported entirely by volunteers, has chosen this day for our annual fundraising campaign. SSVP provides urgently required assistance and support to those in need throughout our community.

During 2017, our Conference received;

- 313 calls for assistance from our neighbours, and
- 626 separate donations of furniture and household goods, and countless additional donations of food, clothing, and food vouchers to meet the needs of those who reach out for help.

Teams of two home visitors visit everyone who calls in their own homes to assess their needs. In 2017

- 642 visits were made to 260 homes to respond to the needs of those who called.

Who did we help in 2017? We assisted;

- 415 adults and 302 children including 170 immigrants and refugees, and 97 indigenous Canadians.
- Individuals fleeing domestic abuse, the unemployed and unemployable, the working poor, the elderly, individuals recovering from drug and alcohol dependency, and others.

On behalf of those we serve, thank you for all your generous support over the years. The need for urgently required assistance is increasing in our community. Based on our projected expenditures in 2018, our target for this year's fund raising drive is approximately \$70,000.00.

Please consider making a donation to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul on this the Second World Day of the Poor.

God Bless you all

Donald Schurman
President